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WATSON ET AL.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 30 March 2010.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/CD)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.
2. Claims 1-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sarkkinen et al. (Pub.: No.: US 2004/0102212 A1, hereinafter Sarkkinen), and further in view of Panchal et al. (Patent No.: US 6,519,239 B1, hereinafter Panchal).

Consider claims 1, 5 and 8, discloses a method, means and a wireless station for providing a service to wireless stations through a telecommunication network, the service being identified by a unique service identifier (e.g. IP address of MBMS service) stored in the telecommunication network and in at least one subscriber station among said wireless stations (UEs 12,14), the method comprising the steps of:

- determining a paging identifier (e.g. identifier of UEs 12, 14 such as address/IMSI as known in the art);
- associating said subscriber station with the determined paging identifier (the subscriber stations UEs 12, 14 need to be programmed with an identifier/address/IMSI to communicate with the network); and
- prior to transmitting information pertaining to the service over a broadcast channel, transmitting a paging message incorporating said paging identifier to the wireless stations (notifications are issued to UEs 12, 14 in idle mode, indicating the MBMS service provision, paragraph 64).

However Sarkkinen does not expressly disclose applying a hash function to a data string including at least part of the unique service identifier.

In the same field of endeavor, Panchal discloses applying a hash function to a data string including at least part of the unique service identifier (a hashing algorithm is applied to the dispatch identifier 201, Col. 4, LL. 4-9).

Therefore it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to apply a hash function as disclosed by Panchal in the system of Sarkkinen in order to reduce the amount of data to be transmitted.

Consider claims 2, 6 and 9 and as applied to claims 1, 5 and 8 respectively above, Sarkkinen further discloses wherein the information pertaining to the service, transmitted over the broadcast channel, includes the unique service identifier, and wherein a wireless station associated with said paging identifier responds to the paging message by switching to the broadcast channel, receiving the transmitted unique service identifier and checking whether the received service identifier matches the service identifier stored in said wireless station (UEs 12, 14 initially in idle mode receive notifications indicating the MBMS service provision and in response a link is established with the service based MBMS context, which contains the IP address of the MBMS service, see FIG. 3 and paragraphs 55 and 64-65).

Consider claims 3, 7 and 10, and as applied to claims 1, 5 and 8 respectively above, Panchal further discloses wherein said data string further includes an indication of a type of the service (e.g. a dispatch service, see Fig. 2 and Col. 3, LL. 48-64).

Therefore it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to combine the teachings of Panchal with the teachings of Serkkinen to provide a service to a group of communication units.

Consider claim 4, and as applied to claim 1 above, Serkkinen further discloses that the unique service identifier includes an address associated with the service and an indication of a scope within which said address is unique (e.g. the combination of the PDP address and the APN uniquely identifies the MBMS service, paragraph 55).

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Sarkkinen et al. (Pub. No.: US 2204/0127243 A1 discloses switching from a paging channel state to a dedicated channel state to receive a broadcast or multicast service..

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